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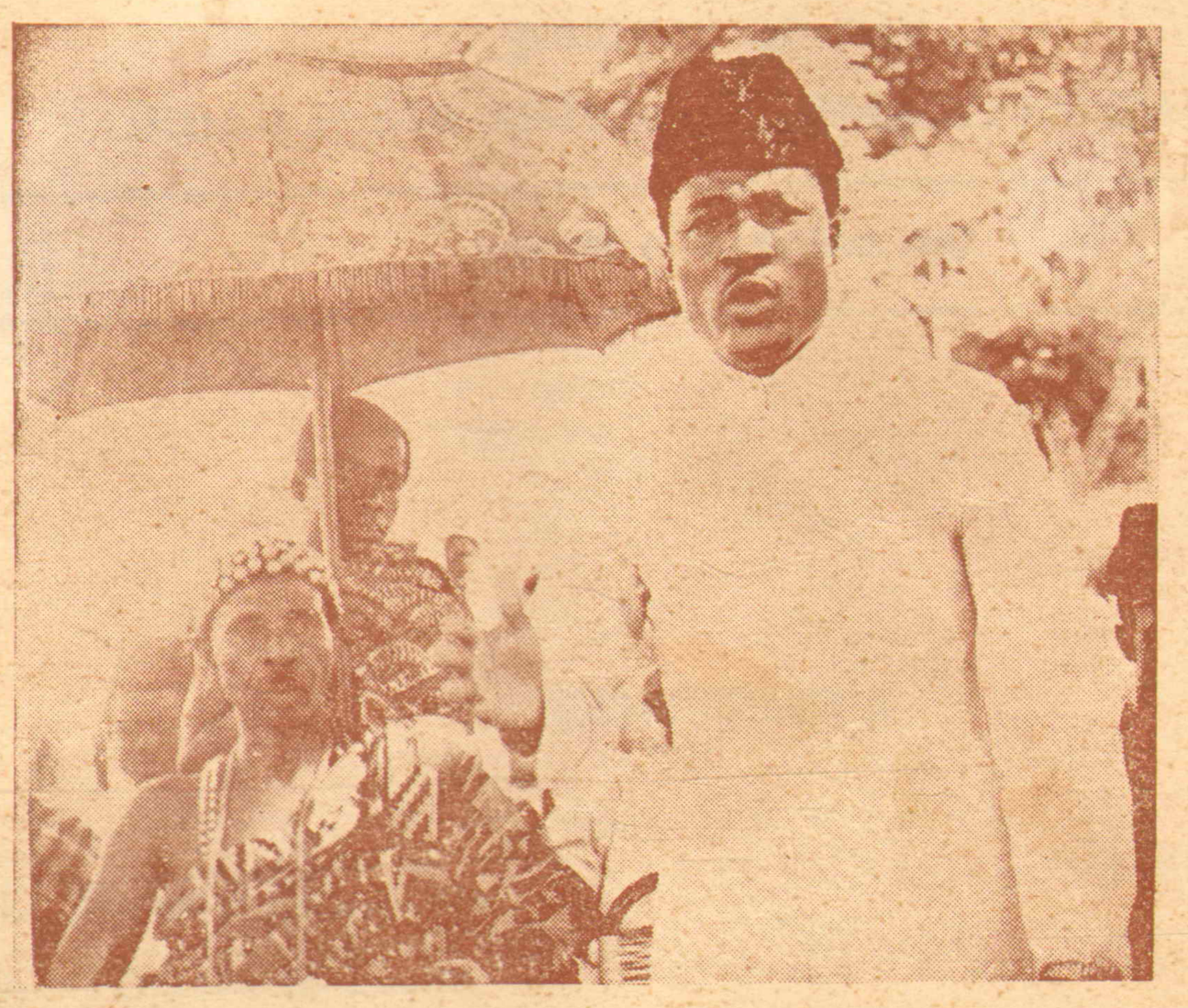

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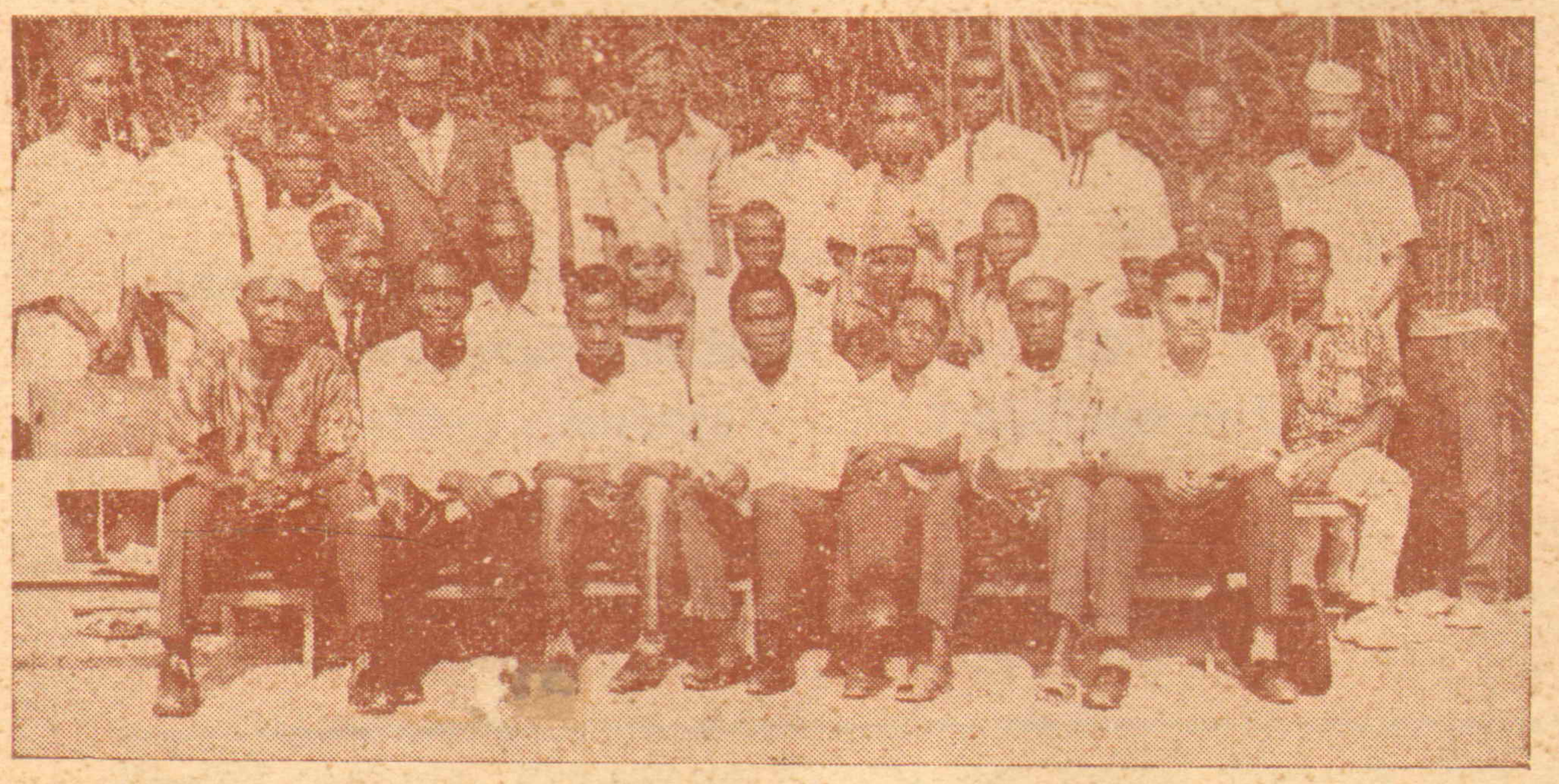

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NOTES & COMMENTS

Allah's 'Major Role'

Mr. Jack Mendelsohn, an American Unitarian Missionary says in his book 'God, Allah, and Juju' :

> "For the mojority of Africans, Islam has a fresh appeal. In fact, this is one of Islam's great attractions to the millions who have never before come in contact with it. Knowing nothing of its history or doctrines, an African's first brush with Islam is likely to be exciting. I was told by an African graduate student studying in Boston :
> "Our education at home or abroad has hardly prepared us to understand Islam. Christians are too busy in Africa trying to shelter us from all sorts of ideas in order not to spoil our childlike qualities. I am quite often astonished at the ignorance of a great many African Christians about the world. They have an amazing capacity to commit the Bible to memory, but at that point their curiosity comes to end. They need to know about the world. With knowledge they can judge for themselves." Islam will be judged by African intellectuals on the basis of its ability to reform itself to meet modern needs, and to help in the development of 'African personality'. For the masses, however, it is, and will remain, a faith 'on the move' : a rising crescent over an agitated continent. Whatever the shape of Africa's future, Allah seems destined to play a major role."

Jack Mendelsohn is a Christian and he must think like a Christian but it is quite clear from the above passage that he is fully aware of the fact that Islam is now on the march. The credit goes to the Ahmadiyya Community to make even the opponents of Islam believe that Islam is a living religion and this is the Age in which this noble religion is destined to dominate all others.

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In fact, the real conflict is between Islam and Christianity. The Promised Messiah has been raised in this Age to break the cross and to revive Islam and make it dominant. That is what is now happening all over the world.

More men and more material are needed to further the cause of Islam. Dear readers, are you playing your part creditably ? Do, think over this aspect of your life. May God help all of us to do the needful. Amen.

Our Activities.

The Tahrik-i-Jadid was represented by the Editor of this magazine at the Gatherings of Majlis Ansarullah, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Charsedda, and Mardan. Along with other aspects of the work of the Ahmadiyya Community, the details of the activities of the Foreign Missions were also placed before the audience at these Gatherings.

All the Jamaats are requested to hold meetings and let the people know how the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is endeavouring to spread Islam all over the world. In order to make yourself conversant with the subject you may ask for a copy of 'Our Foreign Missions' which will be sent to you free of charge.

Any Suggestions ?

Malik Saif-ur-Rahman Sahib who has been asked to head an editorail board for the compilation of the Biography of Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, wishes to ask the friends to submit their suggestions about the proposed book. He would like to know how the biography could best be presented. He is also anxious to contact all those who have something to contribute to the contents of the book : a

letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II or any details of an interview or an incident which can have a bearing on life history of this great leader of men.

It is a great opportunity of helping in the compilation of the Biography of the Muslih Mauood. Friends are requested to contact Malik Saifur Rehman Sahib in this respect; his address : Darul Ifta, Rabwah.

Pen-friendship

1. It is very interesting and useful to have friends in all the parts of the world. Penfriendship can help you widen your circle of friends.

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Send us your name and address to be published in this magazine. It is widely circulated all over the world.

You may also contact
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International Friendship League,
P.O.Box. 1096, 13-B Shahalam Market, Lahore.

2. Masood Ahmad Tahir I819/14 Dastgir Colony, Karachi, wishes to correspond with young boys in any part of the world.

ANOTHER BOOK

Major Abdul Hamid, Ahmadiyya Missionary, Ohio, (who recently returned to Pakistan,) has written a a book 'Islam ad Christianity' which is being published in the U.S.A. by a well known Firm of Publishers. The evaluation report of the Publishers is reproduced below :

"ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY is a scholarly, informative and engrossing explanation and defence of Islamism, recounting the history of the religion from its founding by Mohammad to the leadership of Mahmud.....After an elightening discussion of religian and its present day antagonists, the author draws on his deep erudition to present, by philological and textual criticism, a comparative study of teaching and doctrines of Judaism, Christianity and Mohammadanism .... He advances carefully-constructed and well-documented arguments to show that, as Christianity is the fulfilment of Judaism, so Islam is an augmentation of Christianity. The other religions are not false, he maintains, but incomplete and, therefore, not the True Religions Recommended for publication because of the ease with which much research and deep thought has been presented; the thought-provoking arguments it advances, its interest and value to any reader, regardless of his religious convictions, and its clear explanation of Islamism."

As for the publicity of the book and launching it in the market the publishers have given he following assurance :

"Beyond the editorial and production considerations, your book offers a variety of promotional and publicity aspects. Press releases will be sent to radio-TV stations and national and specialized magazines and newspapers. Copies of the book will be mailed to reviewers all over the country. Booksellers will be contacted and reading copies rushed to major distributors for larger orders; personal interviews and autograph parties will be arranged wherever will be possible. Space ads will be reserved in a trade medium such as the BOOKBUYER'S GUIDE as well as local and national papers. A description of the book will be included in our new catalogue and will be listed in such trade reference journals as Books in Print, Trade List Annual, etc."

The evaluation of he publisher's editorial board and the scheme for its publicity show that the book is really very useful for all the students of comparative religion. The book is expected to be available for sale within a month or two.

From the writings of the Promised Messiah

Triumph of Islam

(Continued from last issue)

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Here, I cannot restrain myself from giving expression to the fact that the Grace of God has not left me alone and I thank God for it. Those who have attached themselves to me in a brotherly manner and have entered this Dispensation which God Himself has established, show a unique love and sincerity. It is not due to my efforts; it is the special bounty of God which has granted me these souls which are full of Truth. In the first place I am anxious to make mention of a spiritual brother of mine whose name like the Light of Sincerity is Nuruddin (the Light of Religion). I always look at the monetary sacrifice that he makes with his lawful earnings for the furtherance of the cause of Islam, with a great desire that I aslo should have been able to do the same.

When I think of the zeal that he has for the support of religion I begin to imagine how God is powerful and how He draws the people towards Himself. He is always in readiness for obeying the commands of God and His Messenger, with all the wealth, means and power that he has. And I can say this through my experience (not merely for the sake of expressing a good opinion) that not only wealth, he is even prepared to sacrifice his life for me. Had I permitted him to do so, he would have sacrificed all that he had. and would have sought after physical companionship like spiritual companionship and would have done it in the best possible manner. I would like to show a few lines of his letters by way of sample, to my readers so that they may know how far my dear brother Maulvi Hakim Nuruddin of Bhera, medical consultant to the Jammu State, has advanced in love and sincerity. And here are those lines:

"Maulana, our religious leader, our Imam! Asslamo-alaikum. My exalted Sir, I pray to God that I should always remain in your presence and achieve those objects from the Imam of the Age for which he has been appointed the Mujaddid i.e. the Reviver. If you permit me I would like to resign my job and stay with you all the time, day and night. Or if you instruct me I would leave everything and go about in the world and call the people towards the true religion and sacrifice my life for this purpose. I should like to sacrifice myself for you. Whatever I have, it is not mine, it is yours. My dear religioug leader, I say this with perfect truth and straightforwardness that I would think to have achieved my object if all the wealth that I have could be used for spreading religion. If the buyers of Brahin are showing anxiety because of the delay in its printing process, please permit me to do this little service that I should pay all of them back the price of the book from myself. My dear religious leader, with great humility and sense of shyness I would like to say that it would be a source of blessing for me if yoa could accept my proposal and my inention that I should be made responsible for all the printing expenses of Brahin. Then, whatever is realised from its sale should be used by you to meet other needs. My relationship with you is like that of Farooq and I am prepared to sacrifice everything for it. Please pray that my death may be like that of the Siddiq, that is, the Truthful.

RABWAH DIARY

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Khutbas

For quite some time now Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has been dilating on the aims and objects of the erection of the Ka'ba. As he said in the beginning, the Holy Quran mentions not less than twentythree things that God had in view. All these aims and objects were connected with the advent of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him.

On Friday the 5th of May he dealt with the second and third object. He said the second object was that the Ka'ba should be Mubarak. Mubarak has two meanings (1) The Ka'ba will become the meeting place of the representitives of various nations, and great spiritual people from all the parts of the world will be gathering here. Everybody knows that this did not happen before the advent of the Holy Prophet. (2) The second meaning which is more appropriate in this context is that it will be made the birth place of such a Divine Law which will contain all the basic truth and guidance which were ever to be found in the teachings of the previous prophets.

It is a well known fact that it is only the Holy Quran that claims to be the compendium of all the truths mentioned in the previous books. No other book of Law ever put forward this claim before the advent of the Holy Prophet.

The third object, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said was that this place would become the source of Guidance for all the peoples of the world. This, in other words means that the Divine Law that would be revealed here would not be limited in scope; it would be for all the peoples and all the time.

It should be remembered here that mankind before the advent of the Holy Prophet had not reached that stage of maturity where the perfect and complete law could be revealed to them; mankind would not have been able to work it out. The Holy Quran has laid a forceful claim to being the book that contains the most perfect and complete law.

Yaum-i-Khilafat

The 28th of May was observed as Yaum-i-Khilafat. Actually it should have been the 27th of May for it was on that date that the institution of Khilafat was inaugurated through the election of Hazrat Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib, as the first Khalifa of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, but since it is not easy to hold meetings on days other than Sunday, the Yaumi Khilafat was shifted to the 28th (Sunday). (At Rabwah it was observed on 27th of May) The following topics were specially dealt with at these meetings: 1. The blessings of Khilafat, 2. The specialities of the third Khilafat, 3. The schemes inaugurated by the third Khalifa, 4. the status of Khilafat and its significance, 5. Khilafat in Ahmadiyyat and our responsibilities.

At Rabwah, the meeting was held at the Masjid Mubarak and it was presided over by Maulana Abul Ata.

Obituary

Hazrat Sayed Zainul Aabidin Wali Ullah Shah Sahib, a devoted Companion of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and an untiring worker of the Community passed away on the 16th of May at Rabwah at the age of 78 years. Hazrat Shah Sahib was the son of a Companion of the Promised Messiah and therefore had a very good opportunity of being close to the Promised Messiah as well as his family.

Born in 1889 at Rayya Distt

Sialkot, Hazrat Shah Sahib matriculated in 1908 from Qadian. He joined the Government College, Lahore but was called to Qadian by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I to serve the Community. To his good luck he was chosen to be sent to Cairo for studies in Arabic language, the duty which he discharged to the entire satisfaction of everyone. While in the Middle East, he was appointed to the Professorship of Salahud Din Ayubi College in Jerusalem where he taught English, History of Religions and Urdu. For some time he was also the Vice Principal of the Sultaniyya College.

Since his return to his homeland he had worked as Secretary to His Holiness the Khalifatul Maish II (may God be pleased with him) in various Departments. He will always be remembered for his Arabic translation of some of the books of the Promised Messiah and also the Urdu translation and Commentary of Bukhari as well as other books that he wrote and published to further the cause of Islam.

The staff of the Tahrik-i-Jadid is greatly grieved at the demise of Hazrat Shah Sahib and sends its sympathies to the bereaved family. May the deceased rest in peace and may Allah exalt his ranks in the Paradise. Amen.

Khuddam Meet

The Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Rabwah held their monthly meeting on the 9th of May at the Aiwan-i-Mahmud. The meeting was presided over by Maulana Abul Ata. Mirza Rafi Ahmad Sahib, ex-President, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya who has recently arrived back after performing Hajj ceremonies as an eyewitness and one who had been granted by God to perform this most sacred duty.

Convocation

The Ta'limul Islam College, Rabwah held its Convocation on the 21st of May. The Chief Guest was Professor Mian Namdar Khan Sahib, Joint Secretary and Adviser to the Education Department, West Pakistan.

The Degrees were awarded to those who had got through the B.A., B.Sc., examinations last year.

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Departure

Maullvi Jamil-ur-Rahman Rafique left Rabwah for East Africa on the 30th of March. He has already worked there as a Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Movement for three years. Well versed in Swahili language, he has the credit of translating some of the books of the Promised Messiah into Swahili language. The crying need of the time is that Ahmadiyya literature should now be produced in local languages of various countries where the Missions have been flourishing for quite some time.

Maulvi Rafique was seen off at the Railway Station, Rabwah, by a large number of people in the midst of slogans of Allaho Akbar and Islam Zindabad.

Ch. Mahmud Ahmad, B.A., B.Ed. left Rabwah for East Africa on the 4th of May. He is expected to take over the headmastership of the Bashir High School, Kampala, Uganda, in the near future.

In addition to his University Degrees, he has also got the Degree of Shahid from the Jamia Ahmadiyya after a seven year strenuous course in religius studies.

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ISLAM

As A Religion

By DR. B. USAMA

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The following article by Dr.B.Usama of the Ahmadiyya Mission U.S.A., was originally published in the Michigan Chronicle of February 4, 1967 :

Islam, the universal religion, which Allah — God in English — revealed to the Holy Prophet Mohammad over 1300 years ago is followed by over 600,000,000 followers. Islam in Arabic means peace. One who follows Islam is called a Muslim, or Moslem which is popular in the Western world—the difference in spelling is due only to pronunciation.

The holy scripture of the Muslims is known as the Holy Quran, or Koran which is popular in the West—the difference in spelling again is due only to pronunciation. The Holy Quran as revealed to the Prophet Mohammad over 1300 years ago has not been changed even for a single period.

No other religion on earth can factually uphold this claim—only Islam. As God said in chapter 5, verse 4 : "This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion." Again in chapter 15, verse 10 Allah said, "Verily, We Ourself have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely we will be its Guardian."

Islam states that Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster, and Krishna were all prophets of God. They were sent by God to a particular people for a specific purpose. None of these prophets by their own profession claimed to be universal messengers.

Jesus clearly stated his mission when he said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew 15 : 14).

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost (Matthew 18 : 11).

However, the Prophet Mohammad claimed to be a universal Messenger for all mankind regardless of so-called race or nationality. In the Holy Quran Allah instructs the Prophet Mohammad to say : Say, "O mankind truly I am a Messenger to you all from Allah." (Chapter 7. verse 159).

Islam is a living religion that genuinely has no racial discrmination, no caste system, and no religious hierarchy. This claim is visible in any Muslim country of the world. Black, brown, white, red, and/or yellow complexions of people marry and intermarry without wholesale or legal racial persecution. This claim is further substantiated by the words of the Holy Prophet Muhammad :

"O men, what I say to you, you must hear and remember. All Muslims are as brethren to one another. All of you are Equal. All men, whatever station in life they may hold, are EQUAL.

"Even as the fingers of two hands are equal, so are Human Beings equal to one another. No one has any right and superiority to claim over another. You are as brothers."

"What I have said to you, you should communicate to the ends of the earth. Maybe those who have not heard me may benefit by it more than those who have heard."

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